

knowing good and bad, the woman began to look upon the tree from a different viewpoint. Why, "the tree's fruit was good for food and . . . something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon." Moreover, the serpent had said she would be like God if she ate. (Compare 1 John 2:16.) Completely deceived by the serpent and with a strong desire for the prospects tied up with eating of the forbidden fruit, she became a transgressor of God's law. (1 Tim. 2:14) As such she now approached her husband and induced him to join her in disobedience to God. Adam listened to his wife's voice.—Gen. 3:1-6.

The immediate effect of their transgression was shame. Hence they used fig leaves to make loin coverings for themselves. Both Adam and his wife went into hiding in between the trees of the garden when they heard the voice of Jehovah. Upon being directly questioned by God as to what she had done, the woman stated that she had eaten because of being deceived by the serpent. In pronouncing sentence upon her, Jehovah indicated that pregnancy and the giving of birth to offspring would be attended by pain; she would crave for her husband and he would dominate her.—Gen. 3:7-13, 16.

After their violation of God's law, Adam is reported as naming his wife "Eve," "because she had to become the mother of everyone living." (Gen. 3:20) Before driving Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden to face the hardships of a cursed ground, Jehovah extended undeserved kindness to them by providing both of them with long garments of skin.—Gen. 3:21.

BIRTHS OF CHILDREN

At the birth of her first son Cain, outside paradise, Eve exclaimed: "I have acquired a man with the aid of Jehovah." (Gen. 4:1) Interestingly, Eve is the first one reported using God's name, indicating that the name Jehovah was known to the very first humans. Later she gave birth to Abel as well as to other sons and daughters. At the age of 130 another son was born to her. Eve called his name Seth, saying: "God has